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PITCHIN' A WIN:
The Falcons sweep Ball State this weekend;
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Wright, Kaminski win election

By Miranda Bond
REPORTER

A mere 20 votes allowed Alex Wright and running mate Sara Kaminski to squeak by candidates Jeff Nolith and Dan Burke to take this year's election for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Student Government.

More than 50 people gathered in front of the Union Friday to hear the election results.

The announcement brought both surprise and relief to Wright.

"Twenty votes. That's a little slimmer than I thought it would be but I'm very excited, very happy and just thrilled," Wright said. "I am relieved that it's over. It's a long campaign and I'm certainly very excited that it ended in my favor."

Unable to beat last year's total of 1,586 votes, this year's election yielded a total of 1,200. Out of this number 1,191 voted for president.

Stacy Blade and Jack Pence received 67 votes, Nolith and Burke received 552 votes and Wright and Kaminski received 572.

Disappointed with the results, presidential candidate Jeff Nolith doesn't feel that Wright and Kaminski have what it takes to make changes that count at the University.

"I think Alex and Sara have the

same potential in leading, I just don't think it's their time," he said. "I think one ticket made this election and I think another ticket won it."

But according to Nolith, he along with running mate Dan Burke, can't be disappointed with their campaigning efforts.

"I think Dan and I gave it all we could," he said. "We didn't eat enough, we didn't sleep enough—we put everything we had into the campaign. When you give it all you have, you can't be upset at that effort."

Current USG President Josh Kontak, was on site to hear the results. Endorsing the Wright/Kaminski ticket, Kontak feels they have what it takes to get the job done.

"I have a lot of confidence in the ability of Alex and Sara to run an effective administration," he said.

Wright and Kaminski take office today, being sworn in just before tonight's USG banquet.

But rest isn't on the docket for the president-elect.

"I'm going to talk to the current USG president for the next three days," Wright said after Friday's announcement. "I'm going to sit down with our USG advisors and the current administration with some transitional meetings and I'm going to start working for the student body as

soon as I can."

According to Kaminski, the duo plan to get in touch with student organizations right away and also want to begin focusing on voter registration.

But Kaminski can't help but enjoy their success for a moment before going to work for the University once again as USG vice president.

"Winning is a great feeling, we put a lot of hard work into the past three weeks," she said.

USG RESULTS

Wright/Kaminski:
572 votes
Nolith/Burke:
552 votes
Blade/Pence:
67 votes



ALEX WRIGHT AND
SARA KAMINSKI

Columbine: five years later

By Cindy Brovsky
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLETON, Colo. — Sean Graves knows exactly how he will observe tomorrow's fifth anniversary of the Columbine High massacre: He will rise early, head to the school before the crowds and find the exact spot where he fell after he was shot four times and paralyzed from the waist down.

He'll look down at the grass where he lay injured and rubbed blood on his face to make the killers, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, think he was dead. He will place a cigar on the ground where his friend, Daniel Rohrbough, died a few feet away.

"Watching my friend die is still traumatic, but it is in the past," said the soft-spoken Graves, now 20. "I'm not trying to be mean. I just have to

focus on today and looking at the positive and the future."

The attack at Columbine remains the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history. Harris and Klebold killed a teacher and 12 of their classmates — two outside of the suburban Denver school and 10 more huddled under tables and chairs in the library — then killed themselves on April 20, 1999.

More than 20 students were wounded, including Graves and two others who were partially paralyzed.

Some survivors have healed, moving on to college or careers. But others have struggled — one lost her mother to suicide, while others have had their families break up or plunge into finan-

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Trying to erase the past at Columbine

After the shootings, the community of Littleton made many physical changes to Columbine High School in an attempt to erase the memory of the massacre.



Inside

- Carpeting replaced and new tiles put down
- Additional cameras throughout the building and outside

New student entrance: remodeled and landscaped with 13 trees, one for each victim

Old library: torn out to raise the ceiling of the cafeteria below it; a mural of the canopy of an aspen forest hangs from the ceiling

Drawing is schematic

- Alarm sounds changed
- Forbidden to serve the food served the day of the shooting
- Halls repainted

SOURCES: Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Jefferson County Public Schools AP



GREEK WEEK 2004



Ben Swanger BG News

RACING AROUND: Sorority members prepare their runners before the first race on Saturday (upper left). Members of Beta Theta Pi work to raise the sign, signaling the beginning of the races (right). Sigma Kappa sorority sisters kick off the first race (lower left). The Beta 500—which produced winners Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Gamma—is the first event of Greek Week, sponsored by the Office of Greek Affairs.

Civil war sub marine crew buried, Hunley remembered

By Bruce Smith
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue and women in black hoop skirts and veils escorted the crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship, to their

final resting place Saturday.

In what has been called the last Confederate funeral, the coffins of the crew members, draped in Confederate flags, were first taken to Charleston's Battery and placed in a semicircle, a wreath set in front of each.

Then, a column of the uniformed re-enactors stretching a

mile and half took the crew of the Hunley, which sank outside Charleston Harbor, to their final resting place in Magnolia Cemetery, about five miles north. It took the column more than an hour to file into the cemetery.

After horse-drawn caissons brought the coffins to the breezy, oak-shrouded plot, rifles cracked

and cannons rumbled across the marsh.

"These men taught us and they will teach future generations the meaning of words like honor," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission. "Their spirit will live beyond the horizon of time."

Commission member Randy Burbage said it was a testimony to the crew that so many people had come to pay tribute to "eight Americans who died for a cause they believed in so long ago."

"There are some who have scoffed at our efforts to pay tribute to these men saying that because they were Confederates,

they don't deserve so high an honor," said Ronald Wilson, the commander in chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "It is our duty to respect and remember these individuals."

Fourteen Southern governors were invited to the ceremony, but

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

TUESDAY



P.M.
Showers

High: 62°
Low: 47°

WEDNESDAY



Scattered
T-storms

High: 64°
Low: 51°

THURSDAY



Few
Showers

High: 68°
Low: 44°

FRIDAY



Partly
Cloudy

High: 61°
Low: 45°

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Victims: staying angry isn't an option

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cial crisis.

Graves spent two years in grueling rehabilitation and hasn't used a wheelchair since his graduation from Columbine in 2002. He used a crutch to walk across the stage for his diploma, an act his mother said was "thumbing his nose at the two who paralyzed him."

His mother is trying to heal her own emotional scars.

"We had to first heal our kids and families," Natalie Graves said. "We had to be strong for everyone. Our time to break down had to wait."

Natalie Graves said she repressed her anger with Klebold and Harris until her son was well on his way to recovery. "Those two got five years of my life and they won't get a minute longer," she said.

Other survivors avoid talking publicly about Columbine. Lance Kirkin, a sophomore who was shot, became a father last year. Anne Marie Hochhalter, who remains paralyzed, attended college and lives in the Denver area; her mother committed suicide six months after the shootings.

Mark Taylor, hit by more than a dozen bullets and with one still lodged near his heart, struggled to finish school and find work. His father left the family in 2001 after 34 years of marriage, telling his

wife he couldn't handle the stress of their son's problems.

Soon afterward, his mother lost her job and a grandmother died of breast cancer. The family struggled to pay bills and turned to the Salvation Army for help.

Natalie Graves and her husband, Randy, divorced nearly two years ago. "We had issues before Columbine," she said. "Columbine probably helped us stay together for a little longer."

Some survivors became identified with the massacre, said Krista Flannigan, a victims' consultant who worked with Columbine and Oklahoma City bombing survivors.

"As time goes by, it is a part of who they are, but it does not define who they are any longer," Flannigan said. "Now, some of the students identify themselves as college students and they may, or may not, mention they also survived the Columbine shooting."

Graves' girlfriend, Kara Dehart, was hesitant to ask about the shooting.

"I knew, because my cousin went to Columbine," she said. "We just started talking about it one night and it really hasn't come up since."

Graves doesn't relish talking about Columbine, but feels a responsibility to recall the bloodshed.

"I never think about why it hap-

pened," he said. "It was just straight and simple evil — just evil."

Graves, Rohrbough and Kirkin were ambushed outside the school cafeteria. Graves watched in horror as Klebold returned, shot Kirkin in the face and then fired the shot that killed Rohrbough. Klebold stepped on Graves' limp body.

Even before the massacre, Graves said, he had nightmares about being shot.

"Deep in my heart, I knew this was meant to happen," he said. "I used to have nightmares of being paralyzed."

While he waited for paramedics to help him, he couldn't move his legs.

"I knew right then, that my worst nightmare had come true," he said.

The nightmares have vanished since the shooting.

Graves is taking computer classes at a community college, and said his only disappointment since the shooting was lagging in his credits. He wants a degree to make his parents proud.

His mother takes a deep breath and sighs when told of his wish.

"I'm proud of him just because he is alive and breathing," she says. "I'm proud of him all of the time."

"It's been very emotional. My father died when I was a little girl and I knew almost nothing about father's family when I was a child... For me it's finding my family."

EMMA BUSBEY DITMAN

Hunley crew members reach final resting place

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declined to attend. Most cited scheduling conflicts, but some observers speculated they may be wary of the political implications of attending an event with thousands of Confederate reenactors.

The hand-cranked Hunley made history on Feb. 17, 1864, when it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

"These eight men would change the world," said McConnell, noting that 50 years passed before a second submarine sank an enemy warship.

But Hunley never returned from the mission. It was found

off the South Carolina coast nine years ago and was raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab at the old Charleston Naval Base.

About 40 relatives of Hunley crew members were in Charleston Saturday.

Emma Busbey Ditman of Silver Spring, Md., said she learned about 12 years ago that she had a relative aboard the Hunley. She is the great-grandniece of crewman Joseph Ridgaway, who was born on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

"It's been very emotional. My father died when I was a little girl and I knew almost nothing about father's family when I was a child," she said. "For me, it's finding my family."

The crew buried Saturday was the third crew to die aboard the submarine.

The first crew drowned in the fall of 1863 when waves from the wake of a passing ship flooded the sub at its mooring. A few weeks later a second crew, including designer H.L. Hunley, died during a test dive.

The members of the third crew were being buried next to the other crews in a plot shaded by oaks and palmettos.

Rebecca Farence of Harrisburg, Pa., said crewman Frank Collins was her great-grandfather's half cousin.

"These are just extraordinary men — brave and strong who did a marvelous thing," she said.



Lou Krasky AP Photo

REMEMBERED: Pallbearers carry caskets representing the eight members of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley Saturday in Charleston, SC. Thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue and women in black hoop skirts and veils escorted the crew of the Confederate submarine, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship, to their final resting place.

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8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
"Daily Sexual Interest, Mood and Partner Support as Predictors of Coitus Among Adolescent Women."
Presented by J. Dennis Fortenberry, MD, MS, Associate Director, Section of Adolescent Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine. His current research program focuses on the day-to-day phenomenology of adolescent sexual behavior, adolescent sexual dyads and the development of sexuality and sexual relationships during adolescence and young adulthood. Most of the research attempts to link adolescent sexuality and sexual behavior to the risk of sexually transmitted infections.
207 Union

Noon - 4 p.m.
Blood Drive Promotional Table
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Noon - 2 p.m.
Student Support Services Info. Table
Union Lobby

Noon - 3 p.m.
NAACP Membership Drive
Union Lobby

5:30 - 7 p.m.
Breast Cancer Awareness Table
Women's Center will have information and an opportunity for donating to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.
Union Lobby

6 - 7:30 p.m.
Making Friends With Your Bathing Suit
Do you feel generally OK about your body, but break out in a cold sweat when you even think about getting into a bathing suit? If you want to learn how to feel more comfortable in your body and de-stress about shedding the winter layers of clothing with more confidence and less stress this year, this may be the workshop for you. Prior registration required.
Mac West Cafeteria "Cow Room"

6:30 - 8 p.m.
Support Group for Women with Anorexia & Bulimia Concerns
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7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, April 15:

A male student has been bothering a female student in Rodgers Hall. An officer took the information and spoke to the subject. The subject was advised to have no further contact with the female.

Matthew Deighton, Waterville, Ohio, was cited for underage possession in McDonald Hall.

Brent Riemann, Ottawa, Ohio, was cited for under-

age possession in McDonald Hall.

Complainant reported her coat was stolen from University Hall.

University police stood by for traffic control at East Wooster Street while the city police was on a traffic stop.

University police assisted the city police with an intoxicated subject at the intersection of Clough and South College.

Nicole Yancy, Bowling

Green, Ohio, was cited for speed on Merry Street.

Jeannie Meyer, Botkins, Ohio, was cited for speed on Merry Street.

An ill female was transported to the Wood County Hospital by ambulance.

Lorraine Haricombe, Bowling Green, Ohio, was cited for following too close on Merry Street and for an expired driver's license.

Complainant on campus reported another student

had made threatening remarks to her and sent a threatening e-mail.

Complainant reported an item was taken from her room in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Jung Min Lee, Rochester Hills, MI, was cited for speed on Merry Street.

University police are investigating a possible case of fraud in McDonald Hall.

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Registration Daily Tips

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Actress JENNIFER LOPEZ, on what she would like God to say when she arrives in heaven.
(newsweek.com)

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OPINION

Medical illiteracy needs a remedy

U-wireU, of South Florida

According to the Institute of Medicine, 90 million American adults are health illiterate and lack the necessary skills and understanding to comprehend medical jargon. This lack of understanding leads to billions of dollars in unnecessary health care costs.

Health care practitioners need to be aware of medical illiteracy and its possible consequences. Additionally, awareness of this issue should form part of the

curriculum for medical and nursing schools.

"Health literacy is fundamental to quality care," IOM Committee Chair David A. Kindig said in a news release issued by H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute.

"The public's ability to understand and make informed decisions about their health is a frequently ignored problem..." Kindig said.

Kindig also stated that most

medical professionals and policymakers have little to no understanding of the extent of this problem. If patients do not understand vital information regarding their health, the quality of the care they receive, along with their health, can decline.

The problem can work in reverse if a patient was to overreact to a diagnosis because they confused, for example, the viral infection herpangina with the sexually transmitted infection

herpes. Herpangina is known to cause pus filled sores on the throat and tongue and will only last for a few days, according to WebMD.

The Institute admits the need for a concentrated effort on the part of health care and education systems, which likely would also affect nursing and medical school programs at USF.

Exacerbating the problem, IOM said health systems are becoming increasingly more

complex as they are "involving new technologies, scientific jargon and complicated medical procedures and forms."

Unless they are in the habit of carrying a medical dictionary, patients will not be aware of these advances. The problem only has the potential to worsen as further medical advances are made.

With medical facilities and research centers, as well as entire curriculums concerning the

medical field located at universities such as the University of South Florida need to take advantage of their ability to reverse this trend. Students and practitioners need to be aware of the illiteracy problem early. Enrolled medical students need to learn better ways to deal with their future patients as the patients' health could be at risk if they fail to comprehend the advice they are given.

Bush mixes faith and government



ZACH HERMAN

Opinion Columnist

The blessing and curse of the interminable presidential election season is the extended opportunity to dissect every word, action and position of each candidate.

On one hand, the endless stump speeches and campaign stops give potential voters a reasonably accurate picture of the candidates, increasing the chances that each entrant's credits and debits will reveal themselves. On the other hand, political observers desperate to fill 18 months of front pages and airtime will inevitably focus on issues entirely irrelevant to the choice at hand.

The latest non-issue to gain currency in the public discussion is the role religion plays in the personal and professional lives of each candidate.

Religion is a vital component of the lives of millions, including this columnist, but faith has no place in public policymaking. The divergent approaches of George W. Bush and John Kerry on the issue show that one man understands this, while the other has no clue.

President Bush sees no need to separate his faith from his governing. The born-again Christian spent his first campaign and his entire presidency hammering the message of his faith into the minds of the electorate. From name-checking Jesus as his favorite philosopher during his 2000 campaign, to

claiming that God told him to run for president and to strike Saddam, Bush has missed few opportunities to interject his faith into the political process. As the British newspaper the Observer points out, "Few U.S. presidents have been as deeply religious as Bush."

And the proselytizing does not end there.

The threads of fundamentalist thinking run throughout the Bush administration. After all, this is the collective that employs General William Boykin, who in a speech last year said that the war on terror was really a battle against Satan.

Factor in John Ashcroft, who reportedly ordered drapes to cover two nude statues at the Department of Justice, and you have an administration that goes to great lengths to spread their particular brand of Christianity.

The only time the Bush doctrine strays from this theme is when the time comes to demonstrate the philosophy of peace, love and compassion Jesus advocated.

In three years, Bush has initiated a war, moved to enshrine hatred into the Constitution by passing an amendment banning gay marriage, and enacted economic recovery measures that blatantly ignore the least among us.

Compare this approach to that of eventual Democratic nominee Kerry. The Massachusetts senator is a lifelong practicing Catholic, but is able to recognize the proper division of personal faith and public policy.

Kerry is against gay marriage, a position informed by the tenets

of the Vatican, but understands that his faith should not block equal opportunity for all Americans. For this reason, the senator voted against the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 and supports civil unions.

Those who argue that Kerry's positions abandon faith in the name of political expediency can shelve that claim. Kerry's unwillingness to bow to church orthodoxy has created trouble for him in some branches of the Catholic Church.

As a proponent of abortion rights, Kerry has raised the ire of many Catholics who consider the procedure murder. Some bishops have taken the extreme step of announcing that they would not allow Kerry to participate in communion because of his beliefs.

Kerry's plans for economic growth and national health care, if successful, would also display the regard for the less fortunate that the current administration so clearly lacks. And while no one can yet comment on the makeup of a Kerry cabinet, it is sure to include less religious extremism and more tempered, diverse viewpoints.

No voter should begrudge a candidate his faith. But the electorate has the right to expect presidential hopefuls to adopt policies and postures that represent people of all faiths, not just one narrow worldview.

Those who want to end the use of the presidency as a tool for preaching have a candidate that represents their ideals, and he's not George W. Bush.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How you enjoy the beautiful day yesterday?



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FRESHMAN,
ART EDUCATION

"I layed out in the sun."



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"I was at the hospital."



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Oppression can teach perseverance



MAT THORNBURG

Humor Columnist

Oppression has been common to many groups through out time. Although it is a terrible thing, it can produce many qualities of fine character. One of the most admirable of these is perseverance.

There is a group on this campus that is being terribly oppressed and that should be revered for their ability to persevere. They are unable to speak for themselves, so I have decided to use my power as a columnist to speak for them.

The group I'm talking about is the sheet of cloth.

I was appalled by something that I saw Tuesday. There was a sheet tied to a tree hanging by one string twisting and convulsing as the wind blew.

I watched this horrific scene through the windows of the Union. As everyone calmly ate their meals and laughed in their close-knit social groups I wondered, "Doesn't anyone see him? Why doesn't anyone go to his aid and set him free? Can't they see his pain?"

I would like to say that I bravely went out those Union doors that everyone is afraid to use because of intimidating yellow signs and went to his aid. That is what I'd like to say. I'd also like to say that I have no trouble attracting women, but what we'd like to say and what is true are usually two different things.

Even though I was a coward, it doesn't change the fact that sheets are being terribly abused. They are being marked up and hung by ropes from trees to be publicly humiliated.

They are left out in the wind and rain and are shown no mercy.

Many sheets are punctured before they are put on display. Even more awful, some sheets are ripped apart by the wind after they are hung.

I know this is getting a little graphic, but I feel the public needs to be aware of this serious issue.

We have to wonder what these sheets have done to receive such cruel torture and punishment. Why have they been degraded into unusable perversions of hammocks?

It has to be something more

serious than underage consumption.

Not that I'm saying underage consumption is okay. Don't drink until your 21. Even then, try to be responsible about it. Hi Mom and Dad.

Even if they are being punished for something like underage consumption, they would have been in the blotter by now.

On Monday, May 12, Twin E. Long, Mason, Ohio was cited for inability to keep complainants' feet warm.

How do you commit a crime when you don't have any limbs with which to steal something or handle a weapon?

Maybe these sheets of cloth are what storytellers refer to as archetypal willing sacrifices. They probably saw "The Passion" a couple times and went to Easter services. Perhaps they decided to be like Jesus and take on the punishment for the crimes of other people.

Even if the crime was committed by someone other than these noble sheets, the question must still be asked, what crime was committed that warranted this sort of punishment?

It can't be the sins of the whole world because that's already been covered.

It had to be something much worse. It's probably something that's bigger and more complicated than any one of us. Perhaps it's something that we should not stick our noses into.

Regardless of the crime and where our noses should be located, we have to admire the strength and resolve of these fabrics. They are able to endure the pain and, at the same time, put in a good word for candidates and student organizations.

Their example of perseverance is one that we all would do well to follow.

At this time of the school year, we all need to remember to persevere. I know this because it is what the 2003-2004 academic planner says at the top of the page in pretty lettering. On the other page, it tells you that you should "always proofread to make sure you didn't anything out."

The semester is nearing its end, and we all need to just be like the sheets and try to hang on. They have to untie us eventually.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does religion cause people to commit evil?

Lately, I have been pondering the question: Is religion the evil in society?

I am an African-American. You would think I am a Christian — but I'm not. I just can't get over all the evil things that humans do in God's name.

Recently, a woman in Texas, Deanna Laney, killed her two sons by stoning them death. She told police that God instructed her to kill her children.

Why has God told this woman to kill her children?

I guess it is okay since God told Abraham to kill his first-born child. If this is the case, Laney should have not been found insane and released.

I find this really hard to understand. Isn't God (in a sense) going against one of the Ten Commandments — Thou shall not kill.

He is so confusing. There is so much wrong doing in the world and a lot comes from people doing it in the name of God.

Men flying planes into the world trade center, bombing trains in Madrid, bombing abortion clinics, slavery, the lynching

of blacks, KKK burnings, the crusades, racism, Jerry Falwell and so many other things in this world that are considered evil. Oh yeah, I forgot war.

Men ask God to protect them and to guide their guns as they go out and kill. They want protection by God as they drop bombs on people's homes.

President Bush and gang asked God to protect our troops as we fight this Holy War against terrorism. I just don't understand.

All I see in the papers are priests (who may have joined the clergy in an effort to deny their homosexuality) raping and

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molesting children, war against Janet's breasts and people advocating that homosexuals are an abomination. I thought that 10 percent of all species are homosexual.

I look at slavery and can't seem to understand why blacks are still Christian today. So, here is a little history lesson.

One of the main reasons why blacks are Christians today is because God gave whites the right to take people from Africa and make them slaves. That's right — God.

Now, I don't know too much scripture but some white people used the story of God cursing Ham to justify their wrongdoing. In a cry for help, the Africans turned to that same God that

condemned them and this became their way of easing the pain of slavery and justifying what was done to them. They thought that God had a plan for them.

In Africa, you see Christians converting Africans by taunting them with food and shelter. In a sense, making them shed their religions for a new God.

Shouldn't they be allowed to choose their own faith? Why are we continuing this wrongdoing?

It just leads me to believe that people hold on to and spread their religions because of fear — fear of sex, homosexuals, death, continued inequality, the unknown and any other fears there could be. And from this fear we do evil things and justify it with our religion — just as the slave-owners did.

We fear so much that we would actually devoutly follow stories that were told by one man. Then this man had his story made into a book that was translated over and over again until we have what we have today.

The story was so simple. But it has caused people to put so much faith into it and create numerous denominations and sects of religion like gangs. This story may soon be mythology as new religions arise.

When will this fear end? I ask people of any religion to realize the evil that has been done in the name of their God and to start making changes. The evil must stop.

EMANUEL CLAYTON
STUDENT

Vietnam, Iraq are not the same

BRIAN C.
CRNOBRNJA

Guest Columnist

I am writing in response to the opinion column "We must understand terrorists' viewpoint" and to the media's coverage of the conflict in Iraq. I will discuss the influence they have on society.

I think everyone understands the terrorists' viewpoint: radical extremists that hate everything free, capitalistic and American.

You can claim that we are "invaders," but I question if you have listened to personal accounts of soldiers who have been in Iraq. I personally know quite a few who served in Iraq and surrounding areas leading up to the recent war.

Every account describes the civilians of Iraq as welcoming, thankful and grateful for the military presence, and eager to have Saddam's reign ended. Our actions are working towards giving Iraqis the freedoms that Americans have enjoyed almost since the beginning of the United States.

How can you characterize our soldiers who are fighting for the rights of Iraqis as "invaders?"

I would be eager to know how you would characterize the thousands who have died to give us the rights we so often take for

granted.

I don't think anyone living under a tyrannical regime would feel invaded by people fighting to give them a better life. And anyone who argues that our idea of a better life differs from Iraqis is flat-out wrong. No matter how critical you are of our actions, it can't be argued that living under a mass murderer and terrorist of his own people could be desirable.

Also, the statement that several cities are in "chaos" is misleading. The media gives us this false picture, which is something it has become so proficient at doing it is despicable.

Of course there are American casualties, and I'm in no way marginalizing those deaths. But insurgent casualties are not reported.

We get a report that, for instance, seven Americans are killed in an attack. Of course, there could have been 100 insurgents dealt with but the number is not reported. The media gives us the picture that seven Americans were murdered and no action was taken.

Another skewing of reality takes place concerning casualties. Check any news outlet and there's a daily report of the cumulative number of U.S. soldiers' deaths in Iraq. A few prominent lawmakers have started comparing the Iraq situa-

tion and the number of Americans losing their lives for what some may call unjust causes to the war in Vietnam.

If the comparison of the two wars is going to be made, why not compare numbers?

Everything is relative. During a ten year stretch from 1965 through 1975 in Vietnam, an average of 5,800 American lives were lost per year. In the two years of the Iraq conflict, approximately 700 American lives have been lost. That works out to about 350 casualties per year in Iraq, quite a difference from Vietnam.

Also, take into account that Vietnam never attacked us, yet the leader of Iraq planned to have the elder President Bush assassinated. An even more eye-opening comparison: There were 39 American casualties in Iraq in the month of January 2004, compared to 35 murders in the city of Detroit, Michigan in the same month.

It's clear that any comparison between the two wars is absurd. The comparisons are made only for political gain of certain lawmakers and to push the political agendas of the liberal media. As far as sympathizing with the terrorists and insurgents, it's not only anti-American — it's inhumane.

Did you know?

Barbie's full name is Barbra Millicent Roberts.



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STUDY: FREEDOM CENTER TO BOOST ECONOMY

CINCINNATI (AP) — The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is expected to generate \$39.5 million a year for the region, a University of Cincinnati study found. The study released Saturday by the university's Economics Center for Education and Research includes 459 jobs at the center paying a total of \$14.2 million annually.

Priest gets jail time for molestation

By Sarah Cooke
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A former priest will serve 15 months to seven years in jail for molesting a teenage boy in a case that also involved allegations of ritual beatings and torture, his lawyer said yesterday.

Anthony Jablonowski, 69, pleaded no contest in a Wyoming district court last week to one count of taking indecent, immodest or immoral liberties with a minor, attorney Dallas Laird said.

The priest denied taking part in any rituals but told authorities the sex act was for spiritual reasons and not sexual gratification.

Jablonowski was serving at a monastery in southeast Ohio when the charges surfaced two years ago, Laird said.

Jablonowski remained at the

Platte County jail yesterday.

It was unclear whether he would be transferred to a state corrections facility.

"I don't know that he will actually go into the prison system," Laird said. "There's a safety concern."

The victim, now in his late 30s, made allegations that Jablonowski touched his genitals at least once in the early 1980s at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Guernsey. The man was 17 at the time.

Authorities said they later learned Jablonowski regularly took men to the church basement, asking them to strip before they were gagged, blindfolded and hung upside down from the ceiling, Platte County prosecutor Eric Alden told The Denver Post.

Laird said his client could not

talk about the rituals, citing an oath of confidentiality concerning prayer and confession.

Jablonowski was a priest in Wyoming for about 10 years, according to the Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne.

"We are certainly praying for anyone who was a victim of Father Jablonowski and we certainly are praying for him," Monsignor Gerald Calovini, spokesman for the Steubenville Diocese, told The Marietta (Ohio) Times.

The newspaper said Jablonowski served as a priest at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in nearby Churchtown before devoting more time to the Carmelite Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, a religious community he established in Waterford, 80 miles southeast of Columbus.

"They're tired of getting food aid and the world is tired of giving it."

TONY HALL, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS' FOOD AGENCIES

Ambassador urges further aid to Ethiopia

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Tony Hall has returned to the country where his two-decade long passion to fight hunger around the world got its start.

"This is where I got inspired," the former Dayton-area congressman told the Dayton Daily News during the trip to Ethiopia last week. "So many of the things you do in life, and in Congress, don't count. I just felt drawn to it."

"I wanted to demonstrate my faith, but I didn't want to talk about it. In Ethiopia, it's where it all came together."

The 12-term Democrat left Congress in November 2002 to become the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations' food agencies.

During his first trip two decades ago, he said he watched a doctor decide which children to treat for starvation. They were those close enough to death to need the medication without being so far gone that they couldn't be saved.

He said he cried throughout the trip.

The 62-year-old, who now lives in Rome, has traveled to 110 countries since then. He's filled 34 journals with accounts of people starving and being mistreated around the globe and been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.

During this trip to Ethiopia, he collected information he hopes will help change the way the world responds to ongoing hunger problems. The country currently isn't facing a crisis, and Hall thinks that will make it easier for the United States, United Nations and relief agencies to coordinate their efforts for long-term gain.

This year's harvest is actually

relatively good, although 6 million to 7 million of the nation's 70 million people still will need assistance, he said. That number rises dramatically in years without sufficient rain, which happened the prior two years.

"We won't have to spend as much on emergency food aid," he said. "Maybe that will get us some breathing room to do the programs we've been wanting to do. But if we don't act, we're going to be right back where we were in other droughts."

He wants the world's major industrialized countries to decide during their meeting this June to make development in Africa a priority.

"They're tired of getting food aid and the world is tired of giving it," Hall said. "We have to help them become more self-sufficient."

Last week, he met with mothers who walk as long as four hours to get formula from a clinic and feeding center run by the Roman Catholic order Sisters of Mercy. He also followed farmers through an area where they grow beets, tomatoes, green beans and cabbage with the help of a U.N.-funded seed distribution project.

He said Ethiopia needs thousands of projects like one that aims to improve farming methods for 300 families.

He's made the trip to Ethiopia a half-dozen times over the years and seen similar sights, but it's important to return.

"I go home committed after these trips," Hall said. "I love the work. If you save a few lives, and if you can make some good things happen, you sleep pretty good at night."

BG NEWS BRIEFING

Cleveland's vaults will be fixed for new roads, sidewalks

CLEVELAND (AP) — It will cost the city about \$9 million this year to fill in or repair 58 vaults built beneath the sidewalks of a downtown street 75 years ago to store heating oil, coal or electrical equipment.

Work on the vaults represents an initial phase of the \$168 million Euclid Avenue transportation project, which will add bus lanes, a repaved roadway and landscaping.

Before new roads and sidewalks can be built over them, the vaults must be reinforced or filled with concrete. Work starts in the fall.

"There were all sorts of uses for them," said Walter Leedy, who teaches architectural history at Cleveland State University. "They were pop-up entrances so people could bring freight into the building. They were places to keep coal."

Most were built off basements. Many have brick or concrete walls and ceilings between 6 feet and 10 feet tall. They vary in size, resembling narrow hallways and large basements.

While the dozens of underground storage compartments might sound like an explorer's dream, city crews haven't found anything unusual inside, said Mark Ricchiuto, public service director.

"These are underground concrete pits," he said. "There's no romance in the vaults."

Tuition rates on the rise

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Rising teacher salaries coupled with shrinking state funding are behind soaring tuition rates at Ohio's public universities, officials say.

So far this year, University of Cincinnati and Central State University have approved increases of 9.9 percent — the maximum allowed under state law — while the University of Toledo, Cleveland State and Shawnee State have proposed doing so.

Miami University approved a hike of 8.5 percent, and Youngstown State, an 8 percent increase. Ohio University trustees released a proposed 9 percent hike on Friday.

James Plummer, Cincinnati's associate vice president for finance, said increases are unavoidable as

staff salaries and benefits rise at the same time that state funding shrinks.

"For the first time ever, students paid more for the cost of their education than the state was paying us," Plummer said. "We're bringing in \$162 million from tuition this year and we're bringing in \$144 million from the state. We're becoming more of a private institution all the time."

Shawnee State President Rita Rice Morris said revenue from a growing student body isn't enough to pay for the additional staff members that are needed, financial aid and improved technology.

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BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — A one-time ally of Slovakia's authoritarian ex-prime minister won a presidential runoff election, defeating his former mentor to lead the country into the European Union, preliminary results showed yesterday. With all districts counted, lawyer Ivan Gasparovic beat Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar with 60 percent, or about 1 million, of the votes.

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WORLD

Hamas pledges revenge for leader's death

By Lara Sukhtian

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas threatened "100 unique reprisals" against Israel for killing its leader, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, as hundreds of thousands of mourners flooded the streets yesterday in a show of strength and fury.

It wasn't clear if the Islamic militant group was strong enough to carry out large-scale attacks after a sustained two-year Israeli campaign against it. Despite promises of revenge, Hamas still has not struck in the three weeks since Israel assassinated Rantisi's predecessor, Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Hamas chose a replacement for Rantisi yesterday, but did not disclose his name — a clear sign at least that the group is on the defensive in the face of Israeli attacks ahead of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Sharon picked up the support of key Cabinet ministers for his unilateral disengagement plan yesterday, including the Gaza withdrawal, assuring him of a Cabinet majority ahead of a hard-fought referendum among the 200,000 members of his Likud Party.

Sharon told the Cabinet on Sunday that he would forge ahead with his plan and continue to "hit the terror organizations and their leaders."

Cabinet minister Gideon Ezra said the overall Hamas leader, Damascus-based Khaled Mashaal, was also a target. Rantisi was in charge of the Palestinian areas and reported to Mashaal.

The killing of Rantisi set off

demonstrations — some of them violent — across Gaza and the West Bank, as well as in Arab countries.

In the West Bank, Israeli troops shot and critically wounded a 14-year-old Palestinian boy in a clash between stone throwers and soldiers. Late yesterday, police shot and wounded two Israeli Arabs in Israel's northern Galilee region. The police commander said the Arabs opened fire on a border police patrol.

The military reported dozens of minor incidents through the day, most involving Palestinians throwing rocks and firebombs.

In another development, a 24-year-old Palestinian died yesterday of wounds received in clashes during a demonstration against the security barrier Israel is building, hospital officials said. The Israeli military denied it fired live ammunition.

Israel rebuffed international criticism, including by several European countries. It said Rantisi — like Yassin — was targeted because he directed bloody Hamas attacks against Israelis and was planning more.

However, many Palestinians held the United States responsible for Rantisi's death, saying it is giving Israel free rein.

"The Palestinian government considers this Israeli terrorist campaign to be a direct result of American encouragement and the total American bias in favor of the Israeli government," said Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, echoing a widely held sentiment in the West Bank and Gaza.

Palestinian officials are furious with President Bush for sidelining

them.

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, denied that Bush gave Sharon the go-ahead for the Rantisi killing during their White House meeting last week. She told ABC TV that Israel has the right to defend itself, but that it is "extremely important that Israel take into consideration the consequences of anything that it does."

Mashaal said yesterday that the killing of Rantisi only strengthened his group and boosted support for it. However, a local leader in Gaza, Ismail Hanieh, acknowledged Hamas suffered a momentary setback.

Palestinian officials said they are worried the next target for assassination will be Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom Israel accuses of fomenting terror. The Israeli Cabinet voted last year to "remove" Arafat.

Yesterday's funeral, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians thronged the streets of Gaza City. In addition to Rantisi, two bodyguards were killed when two missiles struck the car they were traveling in.

Hamas supporters chanted "God is great" and "revenge, revenge" and threw flowers at the three bodies as they passed in a procession. They touched Rantisi's exposed face, which was covered with shrapnel wounds.

About 200 armed Hamas militants lined the sides of the road and saluted the bodies as they approached a large blue and green mourning tent set up outside Rantisi's house. Armed men fired into the air and many in the gathered crowd raised their fists in anger.



Nasser Nasser AP Photo

REVENGE VOWED: A masked Palestinian Hamas activist, his face covered with a Hamas flag, carries a coffin with a picture of assassinated Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi during a symbolic funeral in the West Bank town of Ramallah, yesterday. Israel assassinated Rantisi in a missile strike on his car on Saturday, part of its declared campaign to wipe out the Islamic militant group's leadership.

Hamas posted a statement on its Web site pledging "100 unique reprisals" against Israel. It said it declared a state of emergency in the West Bank and Gaza until revenge was complete.

Hamas leaders have threatened to target Israeli leaders, who are heavily guarded and travel in reinforced vehicles with bodyguards and convoys.

Why Hamas hasn't done so yet still is not clear. Israel's campaign against it may have left it weakened, though Israeli terrorism expert Reuven Paz said the killing of Yassin and Rantisi did not reduce the Hamas' ability to carry out attacks.

Israel also says its security

forces have foiled a dozen planned attacks, and a security fence around Gaza has stopped most infiltrations.

In one exception, two Palestinians from Gaza hid in a false compartment of a shipping container, made their way to Israel's Ashdod port March 14 and blew themselves up, killing 10 Israelis. That bombing set off the Israeli campaign against the Hamas leadership.

Analysts warn that sooner or later, more Hamas bombers will elude the checks.

In more than three years of violence, Hamas has claimed responsibility for dozens of suicide bombings in Israel, killing

hundreds.

Political maneuvering might hold back Hamas. It is in sensitive talks with the Palestinian Authority over possible power-sharing in Gaza after an Israeli withdrawal.

Sharon cleared another obstacle Saturday in getting his unilateral plan approved by his Likud Party, which is to vote on it in a May 2 referendum.

Two key Israeli Cabinet ministers, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Limor Livnat, decided Saturday to back the plan, giving Sharon a Cabinet majority and the support of influential Likud members.

U.N. officer fires on U.S. officers

By Fismik Abrashi

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — Investigators searched for evidence and interviewed eyewitnesses yesterday in an attempt to find out why a Jordanian U.N. police officer opened fire on U.S. correctional officers in Kosovo, killing two.

The Jordanian officer was also killed in the shootout Saturday at the U.N.-run prison in the northern town of Kosovska Mitrovica.

The shooting was the latest shock for the U.N. mission in the province, which is still grappling with the fallout from violent clashes last month between ethnic Albanians and Serbs that killed 19 and injured more than 900 in Kosovska Mitrovica.

"The shooting struck a huge blow at the very idea of peace-keeping," said Alex Anderson, the Kosovo project director of International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think-tank. It will "affect the perception of the peacekeepers among the population."

In Belgrade, the Serbian Orthodox Church said the shooting "proves that the U.N. does not control the situation."

The church had earlier criticized the U.N. mission for failing



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INVESTIGATION: United Nations police officers and France KFOR soldiers take a wounded U.N. police officer from hospital in northern city of Kosovska Mitrovica, Saturday. Two American officers were killed, while 10 more Americans and one Austrian were wounded.

to protect Serbs and Serb churches during the recent riots in Kosovska Mitrovica.

Kosovo became a U.N. protectorate in 1999, after NATO launched a 78-day air war to stop former President Slobodan Milosevic from cracking down on ethnic Albanians seeking independence.

The 3,500-strong U.N. police force includes 450 U.S. officers, most of whom work for Dyncorp, a private company that trains police, corrections and judicial officers who work in places such as Kosovo and Iraq. The U.N. police force works alongside 6,000 local police officers.

It is still unclear what sparked the shooting between officers from the police and correctional units of the U.N. mission. Ten Americans and one Austrian were also injured in the violence.

Yesterday, U.N. investigators

went door-to-door in apartment buildings overlooking the prison compound, interviewing witnesses.

Officials denied rumors that a quarrel about the war in Iraq had sparked the gun battle.

"As far as we know, there was no communication between the officer who fired and the group of victims," said Neeraj Singh, a U.N. spokesman.

But a U.S. police officer serving with the U.N. mission told The Associated Press that the shooting was "clearly an attack against Americans." The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, did not elaborate.

The gunbattle began as three U.N. vehicles carrying 21 U.S. correctional officers, two Turkish officers and one Austrian were leaving the prison, which was

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Spanish premier orders troops home from Iraq

By Daniel Woolls

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain — Yesterday, Spain's prime minister ordered Spanish troops pulled out of Iraq as soon as possible, fulfilling a campaign pledge to a nation recovering from terrorist bombings that al-Qaida militants said were reprisal for Spain's support of the war.

Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero issued the abrupt recall just hours after his government was sworn in, saying there was no sign the United States would meet his demand for United Nations control of the postwar occupation — his ultimatum for keeping troops there.

Zapatero's Socialist party won the March 14 general election amid allegations that outgoing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, by backing the war in Iraq, had provoked commuter-train terrorist bombings that killed 191 people three days before the vote.

Though Zapatero had promised to remove Spanish troops, his immediate action was a bombshell, and a setback for the United States as Spain's new foreign minister prepared to travel to Washington to discuss the dispute.

In a five-minute address at the Moncloa Palace, Zapatero said he had ordered Defense Minister Jose Bono to "do what is necessary for the Spanish troops stationed in Iraq to return home in the shortest time possible."

He cited his campaign pledge to bring the 1,300 troops in Iraq home by June 30, when their mandate expires, if the United Nations failed to take political and military control.

"With the information we have, and which we have gathered over the past few weeks, it is not foreseeable that the United Nations will adopt a resolution" that satisfies Spain's terms by its deadline, Zapatero said.

The government did not say when it would start removing its forces, but officials in Cairo said

Egyptian Foreign Minister was told by his Spanish counterpart, Miguel Angel Moratinos, that Spain would pull out of Iraq in 15 days.

Egypt's foreign ministry later backtracked from that in a statement, however, saying the Spanish leader said "the date will be announced in Iraq and has not yet been fixed."

In Washington, U.S. officials said Zapatero's announcement was not a surprise.

"We knew from the recent Spanish election that it was the new prime minister's intention to withdraw Spanish troops from the coalition in Iraq," said Ken Lisius, a White House spokesman. "We will work with our coalition partners in Iraq and the Spanish government and expect they will implement their decision in a coordinated, responsible and orderly manner."

Mariano Rajoy, who ran against Zapatero in the election after Aznar decided not to seek another term, said the decision made Spain "much more vulnerable and weak in the face of terrorism in the face of terrorism."

Zapatero has "thrown in the towel" rather than try to exhaust all possibilities of getting a U.N. resolution to meet his demands, Rajoy said.

But many other politicians praised Zapatero, including Jose Antonio Labordeta, a congressman from a small party based in Aragon in the northeast.

"What Zapatero did is keep his word, which is rare in this country. For the first time, we have come across a politician who keeps his word," Labordeta told the news agency Efe.

Bono, the defense secretary, is reported to have met secretly in Washington with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on April 5.

Moratinos, the foreign secretary, said he will travel tomorrow to Washington to discuss Spain's plans with Secretary of State Colin Powell and National

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**Wallace wins
troubled race**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — The Advance Auto Parts 500 was stopped for more than an hour at Martinsville Speedway yesterday when a piece of concrete broke free and created a hole in the track.

A large chunk of cement was sitting on the surface in the third turn when drivers notified NASCAR Nextel Cup officials of the problem.

"The track's coming apart," a clearly annoyed Jeff Gordon said. He was trailing race leader Dale Earnhardt Jr. when the red flag flew on lap 291.

A hole measuring about a foot long and a foot across formed when the chunk of cement came loose, NASCAR officials said. Two other holes, each about the size of a baseball, also needed to be patched.

Once the holes were patched, the sealant needed to dry before racing could begin again.

Rusty Wallace won the race.

BG SOFTBALL

**Falcons
complete
sweep of
Cards**

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

With the sun warming the air to a perfect 85 degrees yesterday, the Bowling Green softball team used timely hitting, good defense and solid pitching to complete a three-game sweep over the Ball State Cardinals with a 4-2 win at the BGSU Softball Field.

The signature moment for the Falcons came in the opening game of Saturday's double-header during the bottom of the seventh inning.

That's when Kristen Anderson hit a two-out, two-run single to give the Falcons a 3-2 victory.

"We were down by one and they decided to walk Gina (Rango) who's a great hitter, and I just knew coming behind her that I wanted to step up for the team and come up big," Anderson said after Saturday's game. "They thought by walking her they could avoid a hit, but I just said 'hey, you walk her, you gotta deal with me.'"

Quincy Duran, BSU's starter in game one, held BG's hitters in check for much of the game giving up only seven hits — three of them by Jeanine Baca.

But head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said she was confident the team and Anderson, who was hitless before the at-bat, would come through.

"We were hitting the girl hard all day, things just weren't dropping through but we knew if we kept our cool, stayed calm and

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Falcons salvage NIU
series with 11-10 win**



Mike Metzger BG News

BARKHOLZ THE HERO: Bowling Green's David Barkholz swings away in Saturday's loss to Northern Illinois. Barkholz capped a wild weekend between the Huskies and Falcons with a walk-off home run yesterday.

By Adam Hritzak
SPORTS REPORTER

In a game of wild events, the Bowling Green baseball team prevailed to knock off visiting Northern Illinois and avoid being swept at home this weekend.

Despite allowing seven home runs to the Huskies (18-17, 5-4 in Mid-American Conference play), the Falcons (19-9, 6-6) rallied to score six runs over the final two innings to win 11-10 at Warren Stellar Field.

Falcons centerfielder David Barkholz hit a walk-off solo home run to left field, his first of the year, leading off the bottom of the ninth to win the game. Barkholz finished the day 3-for-6 at the plate, scoring two and driving in two.

"I'm happy for David and I'm happy for us," said BG head coach Danny Schmitz. "We finally got a 'W,' the kids worked hard and I'm proud of them."

With winds gusting out of the park, BG starter Burke Badenhop allowed five home runs in 6 2/3 innings, but had a career-high 10 strikeouts and did not walk a batter.

The Falcons received a big boost from the middle of their lineup, where Steve Raszka, Nolan Reimold, and Andy Hudak combined to go 9-for-15 with six runs scored.

"We just need to be more consistent and if we all are, we'll win more games," Hudak said.

Reimold homered to left-center in the bottom of the seventh with one out and the bases

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Barkholz homer caps BG's comeback

By Jayme Ramson
SPORTS EDITOR

After two failed comebacks this weekend against Northern Illinois, the Falcons finally found a way to win yesterday.

It took a disputed call on David Barkholz's top of the ninth catch to get Barkholz fired up.

With the Falcons leading 10-7, the centerfielder backed up to the fence to make a catch, bobbling the ball before gaining control. The second base umpire ruled no catch on the play, saying the ball hit against the fence. The Huskies went on to tie the game with two home runs off of

Neil Schmitz.

"It was a heck of a play by David, quite a juggling act," BG coach Danny Schmitz said. "We know what he's going to go into when he's done playing baseball. I thought it was a good catch."

Barkholz got his chance in the bottom of the ninth and capital-

ized, leading off with a walk-off homer, his first home run of the season.

"I caught that ball, and I was mad because it was one of the best catches," Barkholz said. "It was pretty frustrating, but it was important to get back up to the plate and not take that with me

because it was still a tie game, and we knew we had to get this game. It was important to try and get on base and that was all I was trying to do was get a base hit, and I happened to get one up in that wind."

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"This team made a lot of accomplishments this year. A lot of that has to do with the leadership and work ethic of these seniors we had."

SCOTT PALUCH, BOWLING GREEN COACH, ON 2004'S PERFORMANCE

BG icers honor seniors, others



Ben Swanger File Photo BG News

HONOREE: D'Arcy McConvey, left, received three awards at the team's banquet Saturday, including the award for demonstrating leadership.

By Kevin Shields
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green hockey team shared plenty of memories and passed out a few awards on Saturday night at the Lenhart Grand Ballroom.

It was the last chance for the team to honor its five graduating seniors: Kevin Bieksa, Erik Eaton, Brian Escobedo, D'Arcy McConvey and Mark Wires.

"This team made a lot of accomplishments this year. A lot of that has to do with the leadership and work ethic of these seniors we had," head coach Scott Paluch said. "We owe a lot to these five guys in how hard they work and their commitment everyday."

"They've been a great group and they represent what we want to be a staple in our program."

McConvey, the team's captain, took home three awards on the night. He was awarded the Jack Gregory Scholar Athlete award for his work off the ice in the classroom. He also received the Sam Cooper Trophy for leading the team in scoring this season. Then he received the Dr. Ron Zweirlein award for his leadership skills.

Jordan Sigalet was the other big recipient on the night, earning two awards. The junior goalie was given the Jim Ruehl award for being the best defensive player of the season. Then he received the Jim Sears award, an award for being voted as the team's most valuable player by his teammates.

Steve Brudzewski took home the grinder of the year award that was voted on by the fans at

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WOMEN RUGGERS FALL



Ben Swanger BG News

BATTLING: BG scrum half Hayley Feeney works against Providence's defense. Feeney and her teammates, despite playing PC to the final whistle, fell to the powerful Friars, 20-13.

Williams wins Family Circle Cup

Venus wins first title in 14 months

By Page Ivey
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Venus Williams spun around, waved and touched her heart, mouthing "I love you" to the crowd.

After waiting 14 months for a tournament title, she had her celebration down pat.

No longer injured or tentative, Williams breezed through two wonderful sets and ended her drought by coming back to beat Conchita Martinez 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 yesterday at the Family Circle Cup.

"I just wanted to start this year from here," said Williams, a four-time Grand Slam tournament champion.

By winning on clay, she showed that she could be a factor at the French Open, which starts May 24.

And her postmatch pirouette and special salute to the fans showed how thrilled she was to

be a winner again — for the 30th time in her career. That ties Williams with Tracy Austin for 12th in WTA Tour history.

"I've never played in front of a crowd that was so supportive of me. A lot of times, I can be playing somewhere, and it's right in the United States, and I can be playing someone who I don't even know how to pronounce her name, and the crowd is very much rooting for the other player," Williams said.

"So for me it's very unusual to come to a place and really everyone is just showing a lot of support."

She didn't put on much of a show during the first set, when she lost her serve twice and had just 10 winners to 16 unforced errors.

But everything changed in the last two sets. Williams had 27 winners and 19 unforced errors during that portion of the match, while 1994 Wimbledon champi-

on Martinez had seven winners and 28 unforced errors.

Williams last won a tournament in February 2003, when she beat Kim Clijsters in the final at Antwerp, Belgium. Shortly after, Williams strained an abdominal muscle, an injury that hampered her until she cut last season short in July.

She looked comfortable on court yesterday, particularly over the last two sets, handling Martinez's changing speeds well and volleying with confidence.

"The first set, I wasn't moving forward enough, and I just really was making too many mistakes," Williams said.

Later, Williams added, she "wanted to turn it around, and I really just started moving in and coming to the net. And, actually, when I was coming in, I felt really good up there, so I didn't stop."

Overall, she went to net 49 times, winning 35 points there. Martinez, a two-time champi-

on here, was in her first final in four years. The Spaniard dropped to 0-5 in three-set matches this season. Her first service game in the second set was listless and she was broken at love — her first break of the match.

"I think I stopped doing whatever I was doing in the first set," Martinez said. "It's sort of tough to play against her. The ball comes differently."

Martinez won few points after the first set with the drop shots and short balls that were effective early. She occasionally was drawn into — and, for the most part, lost — hard-hitting rallies with Williams.

"The first couple games, I started really strong and hitting my forehand," Martinez said. Williams "obviously started playing a little better, too, not making many mistakes, but I definitely stopped doing what I needed to do."



Paula Illingworth AP Photo

WINNER: Venus Williams volleys during the Family Circle Cup in Charleston, S.C. Williams won the tournament.



Bill Kestron AP Photo

OUT FOR NOW: New Jersey Devils coach Pat Burns reads a statement that he has been diagnosed with colon cancer while his wife Line, looks on during a news conference yesterday.

NJ's Burns treated for colon cancer

By David Porter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Pat Burns vows to battle colon cancer with the same intensity that helped the New Jersey Devils win the Stanley Cup last season.

The coach will begin treatment immediately, he announced yesterday, a day after his team was eliminated from the playoffs.

"For those who know me well, I've never backed down from any fight," Burns said.

"And I'm not going to back down from this one."

Burns, 52, said his status with the Devils will be determined in six to eight weeks, when the treatment ends. He will have treatment five days a week, beginning this week.

Burns spoke to reporters at Continental Airlines Arena, with his wife and Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello nearby. Burns read from a prepared statement and did not answer questions.

"The last month or so I have not been feeling well," he said. "There were signs that something was not right, but I was reluctant to do anything because the playoffs were coming up."

A three-time NHL Coach of the Year, Burns led the Devils to their third Stanley Cup title in nine

years last season, his first with the team.

New Jersey lost to Philadelphia 3-1 Saturday, ending their best-of-seven first-round series after five games.

"I wasn't the coach I should have been the last couple of weeks, but I had a lot of things on my mind so it was understandable," he said.

Burns insisted on coaching the Devils against the Flyers, although he said treatment would have prevented him from coaching if New Jersey had advanced to the second round.

"He was trying to get the team ready 100 percent, just like he always does," defenseman Scott Niedermayer said. "We didn't notice anything until he didn't come to a couple of morning skates. Then we knew he wasn't feeling well."

Burns missed two practices last week.

Devils captain Scott Stevens described the reaction of the Devils to Burns' illness as "shock and depression."

"This definitely puts everything in perspective," Stevens said. "Hopefully he'll fight through this. He's a tough guy."

Burns also coached Montreal, Toronto and Boston for a total of 13 seasons.

Cubs lose lead to Reds

Sosa's HR pushes him past Banks

By Rick Gano
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa homered twice and passed Ernie Banks for the Chicago Cubs' career record. But Greg Maddux lost a chance to win when his bullpen couldn't hold the lead.

On another windy and wacky day at Wrigley Field, Adam Dunn hit two homers and Juan Castro's two-run triple in the 10th inning sent the Cincinnati Reds to an 11-10 victory yesterday.

With the wind gusting out at 30 mph, the teams combined for seven homers, and the blustery conditions made popups and fly balls an adventure.

Maddux gave up three homers over six innings in his third start of the year. He was denied his first Cubs victory since 1992 when Dunn hit his second homer of the game — a two-run shot off Kent Mercker in the seventh that put the Reds ahead 9-8.

With the score tied at 9, Ryan Freel singled off Joe Borowski (1-1) in the 10th on a fly to right that Sosa lost in the sun. Freel stole second, Javier Valentin walked and Castro tripled off the center-field wall.

Todd Jones (1-0) pitched 2 1-3 innings for the win and Danny Graves earned his sixth save, giving up an unearned run in the 10th after Jason LaRue's passed ball on a third



Jeff Roberson AP Photo

DINGER: Cincinnati's Adam Dunn blows a bubble as he rounds the bases after hitting a home run in the first inning yesterday against the Cubs.

strike.

The Cubs tied it at 9 in the seventh on Corey Patterson's RBI double off Phil Norton.

Sosa's solo shot in the first pushed him past Banks as the Cubs' career leader with 513 homers. Moises Alou also connected for the Cubs and missed the cycle by a single.

Sosa homered again in the third. He has 543 career homers and 64 multihomer games.

Dunn hit a three-run shot in the first off Maddux, who also allowed homers to Freel and

Austin Kearns. Maddux gave up eight hits and seven runs.

Tracking balls to the outfield was difficult.

Ken Griffey Jr. misjudged Alou's wind-driven fly and it landed over his head for a triple. Aramis Ramirez drove another ball over Griffey's head for a double to give the Cubs an 8-7 lead in the sixth.

Chicago's Todd Walker got a two-run double in the fifth when his high fly to right fooled Willy Mo Pena and landed over his head.

Cleveland holds on for win over Tigers

CLEVELAND — Matt Lawton hit two homers, scored four runs and drove in four to lead the Cleveland Indians over the Detroit Tigers 9-7 yesterday.

Carlos Guillen homered and had four RBIs for Detroit, which lost center fielder Alex Sanchez to a strained left groin in the seventh inning.

Sanchez barely made it to second base on an RBI double — hopping the final 40 feet on his right leg and falling on the bag. He was helped to his feet by trainers, who helped him to the dugout.

Lawton led off the first with his third homer and hit a three-run shot in the fourth — both off right-hander Jeremy Bonderman (1-1).

It was the sixth multihomer game of Lawton's career and first since he hit two against Cincinnati last June 28.

Cliff Lee (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings, striking out six without a walk. David Riske pitched a perfect ninth for his first save in three chances.

Lawton irked the Tigers, too. He was hit by one pitch, ducked out of the way of two others and had a brief dispute with Ivan Rodriguez.

After hitting Bonderman's second pitch of the game 427 feet and over the wall in right-center, Lawton stood and admired his

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AP source: LeBron is ROY

By Chris Sheridan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James, the super-hyped phenom who went from high school to the pros and kept the Cleveland Cavaliers in playoff contention until late in the season, has beaten out Carmelo Anthony in voting for the NBA's Rookie of the Year award.

A source with knowledge of the vote tally, speaking on condition of anonymity, said James will be presented with the award tomorrow.

row.

James averaged 20.9 points, 5.9 assists and 5.5 rebounds, drawing 16 sellout crowds to the Cavs' home arena and several more on the road. James' popularity made his jersey the best seller at the NBA's store in New York and through the league's Web site, and he helped the Cavs improve from 17 wins to 35.

Anthony led the Denver

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Rango, Anderson help BG to BSU series sweep

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confident we would come out on top," she said after Saturday's game. "I knew the last inning ... you could see it in their eyes that weren't going to lose this game."

It took three-plus innings for the Falcons (21-21, 8-5) to carry the momentum over into game two and in the fourth, BG used seven hits and six runs en route to a 6-2 victory.

Yesterday's win was BG's seventh in the last nine games.

Rango, who had a two-RBI double in the third to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead, said the team is beginning to show they are one of the best teams in the conference.

"I think we will make it to the

MAC Tournament and we could win it," she said.

Ross-Shaw is more subtle about expressing her team's chances, but she still believes that Falcons control their own destiny.

"Our goal was to win all three of these games and I think we came out pretty confident," Ross-Shaw said after yesterday's game. "I just love the way this team is playing and picking one another up right now ... we're a really good team, but I still don't feel like we have the confidence that we should because we still have some things to improve on."

The Falcons will travel to take on Kent State in a Wednesday doubleheader. Start time is scheduled for 2 p.m.



Mike Metzger BG News

CLUTCH HIT: BG's Gina Rango makes contact Saturday in the second game of the Falcons' sweep. Rango was 2-for-6 in Saturday's doubleheader.

Yanks down Red Sox



Jim Rogash AP Photo

ROUGHED UP: Boston starting pitcher Derek Lowe wipes his brow after being roughed up by the Yankees in the third inning yesterday. The Yankees won, 7-3.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Even without any help from Alex Rodriguez, the New York Yankees got back to beating the Boston Red Sox.

A-Rod remained hitless for the series, but Derek Jeter went 2-for-4 with two walks and an RBI single in the six-run third inning that led the Yankees to a 7-3 victory yesterday — their first win of the season against their archrival.

Gary Sheffield doubled twice, and Paul Quantrill (1-0) held Boston to one hit over 2-3 innings after Jose Contreras almost blew a six-run lead in the third. Gabe White, Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera combined for 6 2-3 scoreless innings.

Pitching on 10 days' rest, Derek Lowe (1-1) lasted just 2 2-3 innings, allowing seven runs, eight hits and four walks.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0
TORONTO — Eric DuBose, B.J. Ryan and Buddy Groom combined on a four-hitter, completing Baltimore's first sweep at Toronto since June

24-26, 1994.

Miguel Tejada had four hits and Jay Gibbons hit a two-run double for the Orioles, who allowed just 12 hits while outscoring the Blue Jays 23-5 in the series.

DuBose (1-2) gave up three hits — all singles — in seven innings.

Javy Lopez added an RBI single in the ninth to extend his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games.

Pat Hentgen (0-2) allowed three runs — two earned — and six hits in seven innings. Toronto fell to 0-6 at home and 3-9 overall, matching the worst start in club history.

White Sox 5, Devil Rays 0
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Esteban Loaiza (3-0) pitched a two-hitter for his fifth career shutout and 11th complete game.

Jose Valentin and Paul Konerko hit solo homers for the White Sox, who improved to 8-4 for the first time since 1992.

Lawton upsets Pudge in win

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work, then flipped the bat backward — hitting the Tigers catcher.

Rodriguez angrily kicked the bat away as Lawton rounded the bases, then had a couple of words for him as he crossed home plate.

The next time up, Lawton was hit in the back by an 81 mph pitch by Bonderman. Lawton took off for second on a 3-1 pitch and scored as Omar Vizquel lined it to right-center for a double and a 2-0 lead.

Ronnie Belliard opened the fourth with a broken-bat single, and Coco Crisp drew a two-out walk. Lawton then hit a 2-0 pitch to right-center for his fourth homer and was ignored by Rodriguez as the trio scored to make it 5-0.

In the sixth, reliever Steve Colyer's first pitch sailed up and in to Lawton, who eventually walked after having to duck away from another tight one.

A two-run double by Guillen sparked the Tigers in the sixth. Guillen then stole third and scored on a bloop single to right by Rodriguez to make it 5-3.

Ben Broussard opened the bottom half with his first homer. Jody Gerut later hit a run-scoring single and Travis Hafner an RBI double for an 8-3 Indians lead.



Tony Dejak AP Photo

OUT AT HOME: Cleveland's Jody Gerut is tagged out by Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez in yesterday's sixth inning. Cleveland won, 9-7.

Guillen followed Sanchez's RBI double in the seventh with a two-run homer, and Carlos Pena hit his third homer in the eighth to make it 8-7.

Vizquel singled in the final run in the bottom half.

Bonderman allowed seven runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out six and walked three.

Reimold catching fire for Falcons

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empty, his team-leading eighth of the year and fourth in the last week. In the bottom of the eighth, he came up big once again with a two-run double into the gap in right-center.

"I'm seeing some pitches I like and hitting them hard," Reimold said. "Coach has been preaching to us to stay back and drive the ball the other way and I'm finally starting to do that."

Huskies third baseman Rob Marconi hit three home runs, including a two-run shot in the top of the ninth off of lefty Neil Schmitz. Scott Simon followed with a solo home run to tie the game.

After Schmitz walked Jake Blair with two out, Tyler Johnson, who started Saturday's game, came in to pitch for the Falcons. Johnson attempted to pick off Blair, who

ran for second base as the ball got by first base. Blair, though, slid past second and was tagged out to end the Huskies' threat. Johnson picked up his fourth victory of the season without even throwing a pitch.

"[Johnson] only went 24 pitches [Saturday], so we were going to ride him for a while," Danny Schmitz said. "I'm just glad we didn't have to worry about that."

BG lost Friday to Northern Illinois 9-6 as the Huskies plated three in the top of the 11th. Reimold homered and went 4-5 to pace the Falcons.

On Saturday, BG fell to NIU, 9-7. The Huskies got out to a quick 6-0 lead, only to have BG come back and tie the game at six in the seventh inning. NIU put two up in the eighth and one in the ninth to take the second game of the series from BG.



Mike Metzger BG News

HE'S OUT: BG first baseman Andy Hudak takes a pickoff throw from Keith Laughlin in Saturday's loss to Northern Illinois. The pickoff was successful.

Barkholz homers after bad umpire ruling

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Barkholz's homer capped off a game where Bowling Green battled back from a 7-3 deficit in the seventh inning, scoring two runs in that frame when Nolan Reimold hit his eighth homer of the season. Andy Hudak dou-

bled to left, and two batters later, Jimmy Lipari got the RBI with a base hit.

Then in the eighth, the Falcons got five runs with Barkholz's double, Eric Lawson's RBI single, Reimold's two-run double, Hudak's second double of the game and Lipari's two-run

single.

"Every team seems to be giving everyone a battle so the last three games were really hard-fought," Barkholz said. "We can come from behind; we showed that this whole weekend. We came from behind every single game so we know we're there in the ball game, and we feel good about it."

The comeback win came at a good time for the Falcons, as they were about to fall two games below .500 in the Mid-American Conference.

The Falcons came back to tie Friday's game after being down 6-4 and came back from a 6-0 deficit in Saturday's game, but Northern Illinois posted late comebacks in both games to get the wins. Northern's comeback yesterday wasn't enough.

"I'm proud of our guys because we battled back all three days, and we were finally able to get a 'W,'" Schmitz said. "That's what we talked about in the dugout — that we wanted to win it in the bottom of the inning and go home."

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Source says LeBron will win Rookie of Year over 'Melo

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Nuggets into the playoffs, averaging 21.0 points, 6.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists. But James, 19, was only the third rookie in NBA history to average at least 20 points, five rebounds, and five assists, joining Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan.

His season-high was 41 points on March 27 against New Jersey, which made him the youngest player in league history to reach 40 points. James scored at least 30 points 13 times.

James was the Eastern Conference's rookie of the month in every month this season. He will become the first player in Cavs history to win the award.

"I won't comment on it until I know it's official," said James' agent, Aaron Goodwin.

Anthony, in Minneapolis for Game 1 of his team's playoff series against the Timberwolves, released a statement through a team spokesman: "If it's true, I'm really happy for LeBron, but I'm not real worried about the Rookie

of the Year award right now. My focus is on Minnesota."

Cleveland finished in ninth place in the Eastern Conference — one game behind No. 8 Boston.

"We would have been dangerous in the playoffs," said coach Paul Silas, who proved to be the perfect coach for James and the young Cavs. "I think a lot of teams would have been afraid to play us."

Entering the season, Silas figured James would average "around 12 points," but he didn't know what else to expect from his talented rookie other than a media circus.

Now Silas has a better handle on James — and how good he can be.

"One of the greats," Silas said after the season ended. "There's no telling how good he'll be. He's 19. Three years from now, he'll be 22 and the same age as a senior in college."

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Conspiracy theory rises for Okla. City bombing

By Tim Talley
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McALESTER, Okla. — For Jannie Coverdale, the search for suspects in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed her two grandsons and 166 other people did not end with the arrests of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Nine years after the deadly bombing, Coverdale is among a resolute group of survivors and members of victims' families that is still searching for the enigmatic suspect John Doe No. 2 and evidence of a wider bombing conspiracy.

Coverdale and others believe the state murder trial of bombing conspirator Terry Nichols may be their last chance to prove what prosecutors argue is a leap of faith: that unknown others were involved in the plot to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building.

"I want to get to the bottom of it," Coverdale said. "I will never stop asking questions until I get some answers, or until I'm dead."

Earlier this month, Coverdale sent a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller asking that the investigation into the April 19, 1995, bombing be reopened, citing the bureau's failure to share evidence of possible bombing coconspirators with top bombing investigators.

She said she has not received a reply. "Who's going to investigate the investigators?" she said.

Nichols' defense attorneys have built a case around documents and witness accounts they say show other coconspirators helped McVeigh in the plot to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building and that Nichols was set up to take the blame.

"The evidence that the defense seeks to offer ... provides a viable explanation why these persons are more likely than Mr. Nichols, a man without any history of violence, to have aided McVeigh in his plot," according to a 90-page defense motion that seeks dismissal of the case.

Judge Steven Taylor is scheduled to take testimony on the motion when Nichols' trial resumes Monday, the ninth anniversary of the bombing.

Nichols, 49, was convicted on federal counts of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in Denver in 1997.

He was sentenced to life in prison for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

In Oklahoma, Nichols faces 161 state counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of the other 160 victims and one

victim's fetus. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

V.Z. Lawton, a retired U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development employee who was knocked unconscious in the bombing, said Nichols' state jury will probably hear more evidence of a wider conspiracy than jurors did at his federal trial.

"There's more of it coming out down here than ever came out in Denver," Lawton said.

Lawton and Coverdale are among those who see evidence of a Mideast connection.

The day after the bombing, the FBI released sketches of two men drawn from descriptions provided by employees at a Junction City, Kan., body shop. Authorities said the truck used to deliver the Oklahoma City bomb was rented at

the shop.

One sketch, known as John Doe No. 1, resembled McVeigh. The other, John Doe No. 2, depicted a dark-haired, muscular man with features that do not resemble Nichols.

Investigators identified the suspect as an Army private who was at the body shop about the same time and had nothing to do with the bomb plot.

But Coverdale and others believe the sketch resembles a man of Middle Eastern descent.

Lawton and 13 other survivors and victims' relatives filed a federal lawsuit in 2002 against Iraq, claiming Iraqi officials provided money and training to McVeigh and Nichols.

The lawsuit is pending.

Body of missing U. of North Dakota student found

By Dave Kolpack
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CROOKSTON, Minn. — The body of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin was found Saturday, revealed by the spring thaw in an area volunteers had searched several times during the five months she had been missing, searchers said Saturday.

Sheriff Mark LeTixer sobbed as he told volunteers, "Dru is home." An official identification and autopsy were scheduled, he said.

Scores of volunteers had joined the search on Saturday for the 22-year-old University of North

Dakota student, who had last been seen Nov. 22 at the Grand Forks, N.D., mall where she worked.

While a handful of Sjodin's relatives continued searching through the winter, official searches had been halted in December because of severe weather and resumed this month.

Bob Heales, a private investigator who has coordinated search efforts for the Sjodin family, said the body was found in a ravine near a county road

northwest of Crookston. Sjodin's father, Allan, said it had been "a devastating day."



AP Photo

SEARCH OVER: University of North Dakota student, Dru Sjodin.

"We were waiting for that call and when that call came we all stopped living for a second," he said at a press conference.

Volunteers had been near the ravine "probably a dozen times," but the area had been covered with snow, Heales said.

Chris Lang, Sjodin's boyfriend, said he remembers searching the area, but "the drifts were five feet high."

"It just kind of feels numb," Lang said after learning Sjodin's body had been found. "I woke up this morning, and I just knew for sure it was going to happen today."

"Now I know she's been at

peace for a long time," Lang said.

Lang was the last person known to have heard from Sjodin, when she spoke to him by cell phone after leaving the Victoria's Secret where she worked.

Convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 51, of Crookston, has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Sjodin, of Pequot Lakes, Minn. He was arrested in December and is jailed in Grand Forks, about 25 miles northwest of Crookston, on \$5 million bail.

Prosecutor Peter Welte declined to comment Saturday. A judge has ordered lawyers

involved in the Rodriguez case not to speak with the media.

Neither Minnesota nor North Dakota has capital punishment, but federal law allows the death

penalty for murder committed during a kidnapping.

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Jordan expresses regret over event

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guarded by five Jordanian special police unit officers, officials said.

The correctional officers had arrived in Kosovo just 10 days earlier and were training at the prison.

At least one Jordanian officer, identified by Jordan's government as Ahmed Mustafa Ibrahim Ali, started firing at the convoy, said Stefan Feller, the head of the U.N. police in Kosovo.

The other officers returned fire, and in the ensuing 10-minute gunbattle, two female American officers and Ali were killed, he said.

The names of the dead Americans have not been released.

The four other Jordanian police

officers at the prison were detained following the shooting, officials said, and authorities have requested that their diplomatic immunity be lifted so they can be interrogated by investigators.

One seriously wounded U.S. officer, who has not been identified, was transported to neighboring Macedonia for brain surgery, said Maj. Chris Cole, a spokesman for the U.S. peacekeepers in Kosovo.

Jordan's government, in a statement carried by the Petra news agency, expressed regret for the incident and stressed that it is following up on the investigation to uncover details of what had taken place.

Spain's government continues Iraq support

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Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Before yesterday's announcement, the newspaper El Pais said Moratinos would offer nonmilitary cooperation, such as training Iraqi police, if Zapatero made good on his vow.

Now, it appears the visit was designed from the outset to announce the withdrawal decision, not to talk about how to keep Spanish troops in place.

In his announcement, Zapatero indicated that nothing argued for him to reverse the course of his campaign pledge.

"These circumstances have led me to take the decision to order the return of our troops with the maximum safety and thus in the shortest time possible," Zapatero said.

"More than anything, this decision reflects my desire to keep the promise I made to the Spanish people more than a year ago," he said.

He said Bono would give details in coming days of the process of bringing the soldiers home, and that he himself had convened an urgent meeting of Parliament to discuss his decision.

Zapatero said Spain's government would continue to support Iraq's stability, democratization, territorial integrity and reconstruction.

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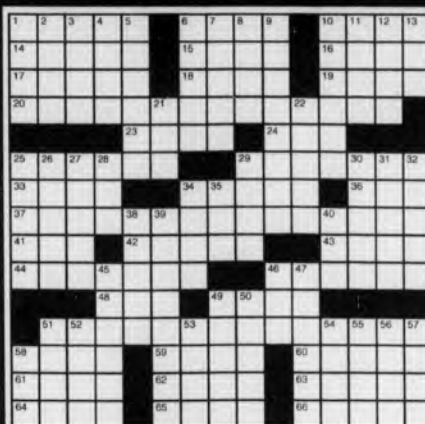
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- 1 Doorway sides
- 6 Dove's opposite
- 10 Biblical kingdom
- 14 Workers' group
- 15 Opposed to, in Dogpatch
- 16 Warrior Princess of TV
- 17 Have a feeling
- 18 Flintstones' pet
- 19 Ranger Rodriguez
- 20 Hawthorne collection
- 23 Distinct region
- 24 FDR's last V.P.
- 25 Desert gully
- 29 Wet
- 33 MGM founder Marcus
- 34 Florida city
- 36 Jack Horner's last words
- 37 Two passports
- 41 Immigrants' subj.
- 42 Liqueur flavoring
- 43 Trail mix
- 44 Commentary
- 46 Overly precious

- 1 Fair and square
- 2 Once more
- 3 Short skirt
- 4 Pear type
- 5 Dopey cohort
- 6 Wore
- 7 Light on one's feet
- 8 Empty talk
- 9 Board flaw
- 10 Puts on a pedestal
- 11 Editor's mark
- 12 Individuals
- 13 Ernst or Planck
- 21 Besties
- 22 Man from Manchuria
- 25 Birch relative
- 26 Provoke
- 27 Sphere of influence
- 28 Nocturnal raptor
- 29 Minotaur's milieu
- 30 Lake near Reno
- 31 Kuwaiti rulers
- 32 A bit chilly
- 34 Singer Redding
- 35 U.S.S.R. successor
- 38 Chocolate substitute

- 39 Rorschach images
- 40 Army NCO
- 45 Depth of perception
- 46 Gear tooth
- 47 Lacking the skill
- 49 Aconcagua's range
- 50 Swerves
- 51 Menu item
- 52 Pearl Harbor's island
- 53 Director Kazan
- 54 Tightly drawn
- 55 Seven-year malady?
- 56 Norm's unseen wife on "Cheers"
- 57 First garden
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